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### **District Man Sentenced to Three Years in Prison For Daytime Burglary in Northeast Washington - Neighbor's Call, Fast Police Work Lead to Arrest -**

WASHINGTON - Sean Horn, 43, was sentenced today to three years in prison in connection with a home break-in that took place in March 2011 in Northeast Washington, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Horn pled guilty in May 2011 in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to a felony charge of attempted burglary. He was sentenced by the Honorable Herbert B. Dixon, Jr. Following his prison term, Horn will be placed on three years of supervised release.

According to the government's evidence, on March 18, 2011, at about 10:45 a.m., Horn used a screwdriver to pry apart the deadbolt lock at a home in the 1200 block of Simms Place NE, in the District's Trinidad area. Once inside, Horn removed a television set.

A neighbor spotted Horn leaving the home with a television set in his hands. Suspicious that criminal activity was afoot, the neighbor called police. Officers from the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) immediately responded to the scene and canvassed the area for suspects.

Police saw Horn walking near the rear alleyway off West Virginia Avenue NE and stopped him because he matched the description of the suspect. The neighbor then identified Horn as the person he had seen exiting the home. Further investigation led police to another witness in the alley, who stated that he had purchased a television set from Horn a few moments earlier for \$40.

Police searched Horn and found a screwdriver in his pocket and a piece of metal from the deadbolt door lock. They also found pawn shop receipts. The owner of the burglarized home, meanwhile, returned and positively identified the television as property stolen from his home.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen commended MPD Detective Steven Manley of the Fifth District Criminal Investigation Division, who led the investigation, as well as

Officers Jeffrey Henderson, Michael Millsaps, Adam Shaatal, and Melvin Washington. U.S. Attorney Machen also expressed his appreciation to Paralegal Kalisha Johnson-Clark, who prepared the case for indictment, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Terry Eaton, who conducted the pre-indictment investigation and is prosecuting the case.

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